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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Official Action of September 20, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 20, 2005. Submitted with the present response is a Request for Extension of Time of one month, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action to January 20, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Statement of Substance of Interview begins on **page 6** of this paper.

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